



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held June 12, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“June 19, or ‘Juneteenth,’ is recognized as the first celebrated Holiday for African Americans in the United States, commemorating the day when slaves initially received word of their own freedom.

“Juneteenth has become an integral part of African-American history, a festive occasion for family gathering and other celebrations in honor of freedom, dignity and community pride.

“The Juneteenth Celebration Committee is a Black organization dedicated to increase the awareness of the Worldwide African Diaspora and African Cultural influence especially that which was brought to the Americas through the Pre-Colombian Middle Passage phenomenon on and after the Emancipation Proclamation.

“The Juneteenth Celebration Committee in collaboration with the City of Santa Monica and along with many Tuskegee Airmen, Tomorrow’s Aeronautical Museum, 9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Legacy (Buffalo Soldiers), organizations and businesses are also celebrating the 15th Annual Juneteenth Holiday.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board proclaimed June 16 through 22, 2007 as “Juneteenth Week” throughout Los Angeles County; and encouraged all residents to reflect on the significance of this important event in the history of the African-American community.

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Each Supervisor  
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Letter sent to:

Founder/CEO,  
Juneteenth Celebration Committee